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(57) Abstract: The present invention is concerned with pharmaceutical formulations comprising a combination of salmeterol and ipratropium and the use of such formulations in medicine, particularly in the prophylaxis and treatment of respiratory diseases.

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